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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: Yelcot Telephone Company and Mountain View Telephone Company

Re: Forbearance Notification

WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Yelcot Telephone Company (Yelcot; SAC 401733) and Mountain View Telephone Company (Mountain View; SAC 401712) hereby notify the FCC that they are availing themselves of forbearance relief granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*¹ from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service. Yelcot and Mountain View are owned by Yelcot Holding Group, Inc.

Yelcot and Mountain View are eligible telecommunications carriers (ETC) that receive Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support in Arkansas. The Companies elect forbearance relief for those census blocks in its study areas that are not funded under A-CAM. The Companies do not receive high-cost support for those unfunded census blocks and are not subject to high-cost public interest broadband obligations in them. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.²

1. *Carrier Names*: Yelcot Telephone Company and Mountain View Telephone Company
2. *ETC Designation Information*

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) (*Lifeline Modernization Order*). In particular, the *Lifeline Modernization Order* forbore from requiring high-cost support recipients to offer Lifeline-supported broadband in areas where they are not receiving high-cost support or are not subject to high-cost public interest broadband obligations. *Id.*, 31 FCC Rcd 4074-75, paras. 309, 311, 312.

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12672 (2016).

- a. *ETC Designation Order*: Arkansas Public Service Commission; In the Matter of Determining Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in Arkansas; Docket No. 97-236-U; Order No. 2; November 7, 1997.

Note: Yelcot and Mountain View were designated as ETCs under the same Order.

- b. *Designating Authority*: Arkansas Public Service Commission
 - c. *Type of Designation*: High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
 - d. *Date of ETC Designations*: November 7, 1997 for both companies.
3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance*: The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains lists of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where Yelcot and Mountain View are availing themselves of forbearance relief. The listed census blocks are all those within each of the Companies' ETC-designated service areas that are not funded under A-CAM.
 4. *Date and Reason for Change*: Yelcot and Mountain View received their first A-CAM support payments on February 28, 2017. Therefore, as of that date, the Companies no longer receive high-cost support for census blocks within their designated service areas that are not funded under the model and are not subject to broadband public interest obligations in those blocks.

Please feel free to contact me at 870-425-3100 or sara.zimmerman@yelcot.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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